



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

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Ebola Situation Report

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Overview

- There are no Ebola cases in Wisconsin at this time.
- The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is being notified of all individuals from the affected West African countries travelling to Wisconsin and is actively monitoring the individuals. DHS and/or local public health authorities are in daily communication with these individuals and are checking to assess for the presence of symptoms and fever. By actively monitoring these individuals DHS is minimizing the risk of spreading Ebola by ensuring that if these individuals become ill, they are identified as soon as possible after symptom onset so they can be rapidly isolated and evaluated.
- In the event Ebola is diagnosed in the state, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services will work with partners to ensure that the patient receives the best care while protecting healthcare workers and the general public.

What the Department of Health Services (DHS) is doing to prepare

- On Thursday, October 30, representatives from DHS and the Clinical Advisory Team (CAT), representing several hospital systems in Wisconsin, met in Madison to discuss and coordinate Ebola planning. Specifically, the CAT was asked to identify needs and how DHS might be able to assist them to address any gaps in preparedness. Topics included the supply of personal protective equipment, the integration of care between hospitals, and disposal of hazardous medical waste/decontamination procedures.
- On Tuesday, October 28, DHS announced that it is collaborating with three Wisconsin health systems to care for patients with a confirmed diagnosis of Ebola. For more information, see the press release available at: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/News/PressReleases/2014/102814.htm>.
- DHS hosted the fourth in a series of weekly webcasts on Tuesday, October 28, that provided updated recommendations for local health departments regarding travelers returning from West Africa. Information was also provided on laboratory guidance and waste management. A recording of this webcast and previous webcasts can be found at: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/diseasepages/ebolawebcasts.htm>.
- DHS continues to work closely with the Wisconsin National Guard to train Ebola response units (Joint Healthcare Assistance Teams). Training sessions will be held October 30 through November 2, 2014 for all team members.
- On Friday, October 24, DHS announced that a toll free line is now available for state residents with questions about the Ebola virus. Residents can dial 1-844-684-1064, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The

calls are free, confidential, and multi-lingual. DHS partnered with 2-1-1 Wisconsin to establish the information line.

- DHS continues to assist all partners by receiving, tracking, and disseminating the most up to date guidance from other states and federal partners. Visit the DHS Ebola website for more information: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/diseasepages/ebola.htm>.

Upcoming Ebola Outreach and Webinars

- The next weekly webcast for Wisconsin's Ebola response will be held on Tuesday November 4, 2014 at 2:00. A link for this webcast and previous webcasts can be found at: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/diseasepages/ebolawebcasts.htm>.